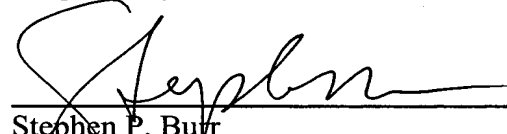


Claims 1-12 are pending herein. Applicants have amended the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked-up version of claims 4, 5, 8-10 and 12 showing the amendments thereto is attached. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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Changes made to claims 4, 5, 8-10 and 12 are as follows:

4. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed portion as defined in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the first electrode is composed of a ctenoid electrode having plural strip electrode pieces, and the distance between the first electrode and the second electrode is controlled through the adjustment of the lengths of the electrode pieces of the first electrode.

5. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed portion as defined in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the second voltage is adjusted in the formation of the second polarization-inversed portion, thereby to control the size of the second polarization-inversed portion.

8. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed portion as defined in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the first electrode is positive and the second electrode is negative.

9. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed portion as defined in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein a positive potential is applied to the first electrode on a planer electrode, provided on the rear surface of the substrate and connected with the first electrode, being set to be negative.

10. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed portion as defined in ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein a polarization axis of the substrate is inclined from a direction parallel to the main surface.

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12. (Amended) A method for forming a polarization-inversed structure as defined in ~~claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein plural first polarization-inversed portions and plural second polarization-inversed portions are formed to constitute a periodical polarization-inversed structure.

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